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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Taneaki YAHATA *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 8988

Application No.: 09/876,953

Group Art Unit: 1754

Filed: June 8, 2001

Examiner: Edward M. Johnson

For: Method and Apparatus for Converting
both Halogens in Organic Halides and
Organic Compounds to Inorganic
Substances

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
WITH A REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003 which sets forth a restriction requirement.

REMARKS

A Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 has been entered in the present application. The Restriction Requirement identifies two groups:

Group I: Claim 1, drawn to a method for gasifying an organic halide, —
classified in class 423, subclass 240S; and

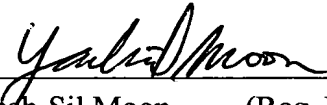
Group II: Claim 2, drawn to an apparatus for gasifying an organic halide,
classified in class 422, subclass 168+.

The Examiner contended that the inventions of Group I and II are distinct from each other. In order to be fully responsive, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claim 2, without prejudice to Applicants' right to prosecute any non-elected subject matter in one or more continuation, continuation-in-part or divisional applications.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this response; however, should any fee be required, Applicants hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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